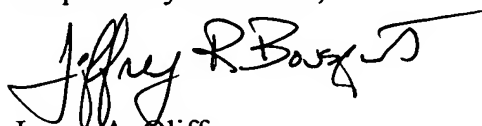


REMARKS

Claims 1–38 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification is amended, claims 1–22 are amended, and claims 23–40 are added. Claims 1–22 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and to better conform the claims to U.S. practice. Support for added claims 23–38 may be found, for example, in the original claims. No new matter is added. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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